YOUNG ROOSEVELT STILL IMPROVING.

He Takes Solid Food and Is Expected to Sit Up in a Day or Two.

HIS SISTER GOING TO HIM.

She Gives Up Several Social Engagements to Assist Her Mother in Nursing the Invalid-President at Home.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Groton, Mass., Feb. 11. Theodore Roose velt, Jr., is on the sure road to recovery or, as the President put it yesterday, "well out of the woods."

He passed another comfortable day toay, as he did yesterday. The improve-ment continues with marked rapidity, and each report from the bedside is generally one of more encouragement than the pre-

The last message from the bedside cam-The last message from the bedsele came at 8 o'clock this evening, when Mr. Sturgis, one of the school instructors, said that the doctor's latest examination was entirely satisfactory, that the bey had his full allowance of solid food to-day. The dissolution of the substances in the lange is also racidly going on, and the situation in every way indicates that the boy will be sitting up within two or three days and she to travel at the end of another week.

week.

Mrs. Roosevelt, in spite of the passage of the danger point, is still as devoted and almost as closely confined as ever. With the exception of a short walk now and then about the grounds, she is always at the infirmary, she is anxiously awaiting the arrival of her daughter. Miss Alice, who is expected here about 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

It has been a bit lonesome for her since the President's departure, and she wants the enthuslastle young daughter of the

the President's departure, and she wants
the enthusiastic young daughter of the
house to take the fag end of the care-taking
soff her shoulders, besides bringing to he
some of the youthful companionship which
she needs. As soon as Theodore is able to
make the journey, which will doubtless be
within ten days, neither and daughter will
go with him to Washington, where "Teil"
will no doubt get a rousing vehcome from
a houseful of happy brothers and sisters.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Miss Alice Roosevelt left Washington this evening for Croton. She will remain there with her mother until her brother is convalescent, when Mrs. Roosevelt will return to the White House, bringing the young invalid with her.

Miss Roosevelt in leaving the capital just now, has to cancel many social engagements, some of the functions being given especially for her. The Swiss Minister, M. Ploda, has invitations out for a dinner to-merrow night for Miss Roosevelt, but by that time she will be at the bedside of her sick brother.

President Roesevelt returned to the White House this forenoon in a very happy frame of mind. The journey back to the seat of government was made much more disordy to reach his son outran the fastest special train. The trip to Groton was made in fourteen hours, but eighteen hours were consumed in the return.

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INCORPORATED—The American Asphalt Company, capitalized at \$29,000, filed articles of incorporation yesterday with the Recorder of Deeds. The stock consists of 2,000 shares, valued at \$100 each. Milton J. Moore holds 1,000 shares, J. A. Martin 1 and S. R. McBurney 1. The Howard Commission Company has a capital stock of \$39,000 divided into \$00 shares, valued at \$100 each; J. J. Howard holds 248 shares, F. F. Howard 128, Mary F. Howard 2, Lucille Howard I and Adele Howard I, The Missouri Reentgen Ray Labard 2, Lucille Howard 1 and Adele Howard 1. The Missouri Reentgen Ray Laboratory Company is capitalized at \$5,000.
The stock consists of fifty shares, valued
at \$100 each; Henry B. Vogelsang holds 48
chares, Lena Vogelsang 1 and Louis E.
Vogelsang 1. The A. F. Brase Manufacturing Company has a capital stock of
\$5,000, half paid in, divided into fifty
phares, valued at \$100 each; J. H. Tiemeyer
holds 12 shares, Anton Wind 12, Otto
Pletschmann 6, George G. Schaeferling 6
and A. F. Brase H.

STREET CAR ABLAZE-A Cheroke car which was being switched in the sheds at Jefferson and Gever avenues, at 6 o'clock yesterfay morning, caught fire and was almost totally destroyed before the firemen could extinguish the biaze. The damage is estimated at 3000. It is supposed the fire was caused by a defective motor.

HUMANE SOCIETY REPORT-Twee ty-two cases of cruelty were reported to the society last week and nineteen of them were remedied without prosecution. Forty-eight warnings were issued.

BANKRUPT UNDER ARREST -Charged with withholding assets in filing a petition of bankruptcy. Carlo Trevasagi, of the Western Embrodery Company, wis field in 33,999 bond yesterday by United States District Judge Adams, for his appearance this morning before Referee in Bankruptcy Walter D. Coles.

ARTISTS AT A BANQUET-The artists ARTISTS AT A BANGLET—The artists and engravers of the Bemis Brothers Bag Company were agreeably surprised on Wednesday by an claborate luncheon served in the dining-from of the art studio. The banquet was tendered to his fellow artists by John Kerr who took occasion to announce his approaching marriage. John Granger, foreman of the department, served as toastmaster and drew out many with responses from around the board.

LADIES CHARITY EUCHRE-A euchre, entertainment and hop will be given by the Ladies' Charity Club, at Trimp's hall, No. 1412 North Grand avenue, Tuesday

FALLS DOWN STAIRWAY-Thomas Cushing of No. 307 South Seventh street, who claims he was hurt by falling on a stairway at No. 2728 South Broadway while looking for a boarding-house, was taken to the City Hospital yesterday with a bruised scalp and injuries of the spine. Coshing is an engineer 58 years old.

SPARKS IGNITED WAGON OF HEMP —Sparks from an Iron Mountain engine yes-terday afternoon set fire to a wagon laden with bales of hemp at the foot of Miller street. A still alarm was turned in to Engine Company No. 15, and the fire was soon extinguished. The hemp was damaged from

STUMBLED OVER FENCE AND IS

A STEADY WORKER.

Coffee Works Slow but Sure.

Many people use coffee day after day without an idea of the serious work it does with nerves, stomach, bowels and sometimes with the eyes, heart and kidneys. Its work is done gradually—that is, the poison affects the nerve centers a little to-day and a little to-morrow, and so on, and finally the nerve cells are slowly broken down and then Nature begins the call for help.

It is a safe proposition that if a man or woman has headaches, stomach trouble or

It is a safe proposition that if a man or woman has headaches, stomach trouble or any such aliments come on at intervals something is wrong with the food or drink, and this question should be investigated carefully, for health is the best capital any one can possess, and willfully breaking it down is a piece of childish folly.

It is easy to leave off coffee if one will take Postum Food Coffee, properly made, for Postum has a delicious coffee flavor and a deep seal brown color, which changes to a golden brown when cream is added, and it satisfies the coffee drinker without any of the bad effects of coffee. On the contrary, the result of using Postum is the rebuilding of the broken-down nerve centers by the food elements contained in it. Postum is a pure-food beverage made by scientific foodmakers, and can be depended upon absolutely for its purity and the good results that follow its use.

To bring out the flavor and food value Postum must be boiled at least 15 minutes after the boiling begins.

Hurt-Ed Bethweller of No. 3812 Cook avenue, while running to catch a car in front of No. 3825 Finney avenue at 7 o'clock last right, fell over a low fence and sustained a compound fracture of the right leg below the knee. He was taken to the City Hospital by Officer Smith of the Ninth District.

SMOKE-ABATEMENT REPORT-Chief Smoke inspector Jones is well pleased with the progress made by the deputy inspectors in the past week in having smoke-abating devices installed in large plants. Operations have reached the stage, he believes, when an improvement will be noticeable and when progress will be steady. He reports that lift devices are now in use. There are 34 seean jets and air blasts, 124 downdrafts, at brick arches and 8 stokers. Many companies have installed devices in the past two weeks.

sloner Seibert yesterday summoned Heat.

E. Magee who runs a salson at No. 22
Cass avenue, to appear before him Tuesday
normins and show cause why his Beensshould not be revoked. Magee is charged
with not at all times confuciling an orderly place. MAGEE SUMMONED-Excise Commis-

MOVNIHAN APPOINTED - Thomas Maynihan was resterday appointed Build-nr Inspector in the Department of Public Buildings, He was appointed by the St. Louis Fire Prevention Burgan.

AUGUST STOLLE'S WILL - August Stolle, by his will, filed for probate yester-day, left side to the Berhanda Evangellical Church, City avenue and Natural Bridge road; \$300 each to his grandchildren. Katte, Josie, George, Hetry and Eddie Stolle, his household farmiture to his daughter, Annie-Kraft, his wagans, horses, gardening im-plements and other property on his home-stead on Delmar avenue to his sen, Gas-tave, certain real estate to his son, Her-man, and the rest of his estate to his daughter, Annie Kraft, and his son, Gas-tave, in equal parts,

FINED FOR ASSAULT-August Gubl. 2) years old, No. 1327 North Market street, was fined 510 in the Dayton Street Pollec Court vester by for striking Mrs. Hamsh Hayden, No. 1365 North Breadway aged 70 years, with a granite paid, Pebruary 12, and inflicting a scalp would. Gull because angry because Mrs. Hayden objected to his

AMERICAN HEROES TO BE RECOGNIZED.

Army Board Recommends Medals of Honor for Thirty-Three Soldiers.

Washington, Feb. 14.-Adjutant General Corbin to-day made public the report of the Army Board, of which General Ma-Arthur was president, appointed to consider and report the names of officers and enlisted men of the army who distinguished themselves during the recent campaigns in Cuba, China and the Philippines, so as to entitle them to the award of medals of honor or certificates of merit. The officers recommended for brevet rank for specially meritorious services during the same cam paigns will be nominated to the Senate by the President in the regular way.

As has been already stated, President Rossevelt has approved all the recommendations made by the MacArthur beard for awards of brevet, medals of honor and certificates of merit, with the exception of the recommendation that Colonel Theodore Roosevelt be given the brevet rank of Brigadier General for valor and services at the battle of San Juan Hill. The list of brevets will be made public when it is sent to the

Medals of honor will be awarded in thirtythree cases, of which ten go to commis-sioned officers and twenty-three to noncommissioned officers and privates. Only one medal was awarded on account of serv-lee in the Cuban campaign, two in the case of the Chinese campaign, and thirty in the Philippine War. The medal list shows few ramppine War. The medal list shows few names of persons familiar to the public, perhaps the most notable ones being those of Musician Calvin P. Titus, who was the first to scale the wall at Pekin, and who afterwards was sent to West Point, and Lieutenant Matthew A. Batson, who commanded the Macabehe scours.

manded the Macabebe scouts. The certificates of merit are all awarded to noncommissioned officers and privates, and of the total number of fifty-six, four are on account of the Cuban campaign, forty-five on account of the Philippine campaign, and seven on account of the Chines

Fill your vacant rooms. Advertise in the Sunday Republic. All druggists take add for The Republic

RETAIL JEWELERS AT BANQUET. Members of Missouri Association Spend Enjoyable Evening.

The twelfth annual dinner of the Retail Jewelers' Association of Missouri, which was given at Schraps's restaurant last night, was the most largely attended and successful entertainment in the history of the organization. As in previous years, the feature of the evening was the perfect spirit of sociability and good-fellowship which prevailed. Business topics were barred, and only the genial things in life were discussed during the evening. In the decorations of the tables red and

white were the prevailing colors. There were carried out by numerous lights, and artistically arranged flowers. Musle was furnished by an orchestra, which was screened behind a hedge of potted plants and streamers of red-and-white bunting. In the course of the evening saveral salestlength screened behind a hedge of potted plants and streamers of red-and-white bunting. In the course of the evening several selections were rendered by a quartet.

H. Mauch, who acted as toastmaster, opened the speaking with an address of welcome, concluding by introducing Lieutenant Governor Lee, who responded to the trast Missouri." John H. Holmes responded to the sentiment "Humanity." "Prosperity" was responded to by Charles F. Krone.

Those present were: F. W. Baier, H. Culbertzon, W. F. Kemper, Arthur Steiner, George R. Stumpf, O. H. Kortkamp, Philip Nelting, August Kurtzeborn, John Schmidt, Edward Nash, A. Gerne, Theodore Ebeling, H. Lowensteln, Robert Felckert, G. Eckhard, F. W. Bierbaum, John F. Zeitler, F. H. Nichaus, Emil Niehaus, L. F. Schun, E. G. Bergfeldt, Martin Hocker, Sam Elsenstadt, Morris Elsenstadt, A. C. Hain, Albert Herch, Frank C. Bradford, L. E. Gutfreund, Edward Massa, Julius Wendel, Joseph McKenna, W. H. Felcher, Edward Long, O. J. Pfeffer, F. L. Steiner, A. H. Marks, W. Wiedlich, L. J. Reinstadler, C. J. Wilmarth, Julius Schumann, William Brazeal, Lem Loebner, Sol Lowenstein, Frank Wendweb, W. Deuber, H. H. Kaesser, Albert Steiner, V. Engelman, George Kohnert, Elmer Pullman, Frank Desse and James Pflueger.

DECORATIVE TRIUMPH OF FAIR.

race of States. What the designers of the World's Fair take their resputations upon, as the decorative triumph of the Exposition, has been finished in the central effect to be known

Designers Have Completed Ter-

as the Terrace of States. It is a wide semicircular promenade, sweeping for a quarter of a mile, in a true

arc, around the brow of the crescent hill on which the Art building will loom, sev-enty-five feet above the plain where the other thirteen main exhibit structures are to be grouned.

member of the staff of Designer Chief Masqueray is engaged on a purin Chief Masqueray is engaged on a particular section of this general conception. One is designing garden beds of every conceivable shape and composition to fill places in the avenues and on the hillsides. Another is developing Chief Masqueray's ideas as to the cascade and terrace picture. A third is designing the details of bridges and ornamental benches, to be placed within the grounds. Another is preparing a multitude of designs for stations for the intramural railway. Another is modeling a massive monument, which will hold a place in the main avenue at the northern end of the lageon.

Paderewski's New Opera New York, Feb. 14.—Jan Ignace Pad-erewski's "Manru," an opera in three acts, was produced by the Grau Opera Company at the Metropolitan Opera-house to-night and was received with remarkable enthuslasm.

After the first and second acts the audience rose to its feet and called for the author again and again.

DIRECTOR SKIFF'S PLAN TO BE DEBATED

World's Fair Authorities to Be Heard on Proposal to Classify Government Exhibits.

CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD.

Heads of Departments and Government Poard of Exhibits Will Decide for or Against Innovatian Probably on Feb. 19.

The Republic durent, 140, St. and Permsylvania Ave. Washington, Feb. 1s.-The suggestion of Churman Towney of the House C multion Expositions that the World's Fair ambetities confer with the Government Board of Exhibits and arrive at an agree the Government exhibits of patural industries with other similar exhibits, will be

The proposition is to pince the Govern ment's ciscley of mining forestry fisheries, etc. in the separate buildings devoted exclusively to those features, instead of all in the one a beral building, as has been done

at previous expositions. It is understood here that, ince the hear it is inderstood here that, the the dealing before the Committee on Industrial Aris and Expositions yesterday, Pr sident Francis has written General Brigham, chairmain of the Government Board, suggesting that he call a conference with the Exposition authorities, naming February 19 as a constraint atternation. venient date for such meeting.

When seen this evening, General Brigham said that he had not heard from President Prancis but that the board would be glad to adopt the suggestion advanced and meet

zome day in the near future.

The importance of arriving at some definite understanding is realized by the Government and Exposition people. Pres-ent at the conference will be President Francis, Director of Exhibits Skiff, Doctor tves. Chief of Department of Arts; Doctor Day, Chief of the Department of Mines and Mendurgy; Professor Bean, Chief of Forest and Came Department; Professor Rogers. Chief of the Department of Education and Mr. Moore, Chief of the Department of Machinery of the Exposition Company, at the Entire Government Board of Exhibits.

MRS. ALMA MABREY'S FUNERAL

Services to Be Held Thursday at West Presbyterian Church. Funeral services for Mrs. Alma Mabrey wife of Thomas W. Mabrey, formerly Speaker of the House of Representatives of

the Missouri Legislature, who did at her

the Missouri Legislature, who did at her home, No. 1366 Burd avenue, Thursday, will take place at the West Presbyterian Church, corner of Maple and Marysville avenues, to-day at 129. The burial will be in Westlvan Cemetery, Mrs. Mabrey, who was Mrs. McFadden, was married to Thomas W. Mabrey in Doniphan, Pipley County, Missouri, in 1892.

She was a bride of two weeks when she went with her husband to Jefferson City and saw him made speaker of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of '82-93. She was a sister of May McFadden, once a soloist of local note in St. Louis, who is now Mrs. R. R. Conklin, of New York City, B. R. McFadden, a publisher in New York and London of works of physical culture, is a brother of Mrs. Mabrey. Mrs. Mabrey was popular in the circles in which she moved and was a leader in the West End. She was 29 years old and leaves four children, a baby girl of three weeks and three other children. Mr. Mabrey is at present employed in the Custom house here.

He was once in the newspaper business at Doniphan and is well known throughout the State.

GIVES DANCE TO AID POOR. Miss Essie Boyd Has Donation Party at Her Home.

Miss Essie Boyd, 16-year-old daughter of Sergeant Tom Boyd, and niece of Captain Boyd of the Fourth District, gave a dena-tion dance at her parents' home, No. 3136 Sheridan avenue, Thursday evening for the benefit of the poor families of her father's and uncle's district. With the invitations sent to her young friends was the request that each bring a pound of some useful commodity. As a re-



MISS ESSIE BOYD. Daughter of Police Sergeant Thomas Boyd and niece of Captain Boyd, who gave a donation dance for the benefit of the poor.

sult Sergeant Boyd's home was filled with groceries of all descriptions. The young scople did not limit themselves to a pound, out brought all they could carry. It required two wagons to transport the groceries to the Fourth District Station, where they were dispensed by the officers vestorials.

where they were dispensed by the station Miss Poyd had become deeply impressed with the number of women and children who applied to the officers for food and clothing, and who too frequently had to be sent away empty handed. The young girl's heart was touched, and she determined in some manner to relieve their condition. After several plans, she decided upon the domation dance.

MISSOURI MAY BE INCLUDED. Scope of Agricultural Researches Is to Be Extended.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Washington, Feb. 14.-With the passage through Congress of the regular agricul-tural appropriation bill, it is expected that the Department of Agriculture will extend its Bureau of Soils to the State of Missouri. Secretary Wilson has already given assurances indicating that this will be

value to the State in the development of its agricultural and horticultural resou A force of experts from the department will be detailed, with probable headquarters at Columbia. Their duties will include a thorough analysis of the varieties of soil, to de-termine what cereals or grasses can be most profitably grown and what kind of fertilizer is required to bring about their full preducing power. The bureau will make full and complete reports on its in-vestigations from time to time.

orately entertained the editors of Central Missouri here to-day. About fifty editors and guests were present. The programme consisted of a business meeting in the morning, with speeches by members and prominent guests. At 1 o'clock a sumptuous banquet was served at Million Hotel, after which a carriage drive was taken over the city, visiting the Missouri Reform School and other places of interest.

Among those from a distance were Colonel W. F. Switzler of Columbia, and M. It. O'Malley of St. Louis, representative of the Inland Type Foundry. W. L. Nelson of Bunceton, is President, and R. Overshiner of the Boonville Republican, is secretary. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Chouteau Spdings on August 6 Lext. orately entertained the editors of Central

OPPOSED TO WEINBRENNER.

Negroes Charge Race Prejudice Against Marshaiship Candidate.

To protest against the appointment of George Weinbrenner as United States Mar-stat a mass meeting of tegro Republicans shat a mass meeting of negro Republicans will be held at Wright Coney Republican League bradquarters, Jefferson and Lucas avenues, Sunday afternoon.

St. Louis negroes complain that as Jury Commissioner Weinbrenner has never put a negro on a jury, comparing him unfavorably with Fielding Mansfield, who, as a bemocratic Jury Commissioner, placed a negro barber, William Randolph, on the Grand Jury

negro harber, William Bandelph, on the Grand Jury.

They say also that in selecting delegates for the Republican State Convention four years ago Weinbrenner opposed negro representation, and refused to permit any one from his ward, the old Twenty-eighth, to withdraw in favor of the negroes, which was done in the old Twenty-fifth Ward by Pat Clark.

The negroes favor John Pohiman for the marchaldin and in the west that Ichimal

The negroes favor John Pohlman for the marshalship, and in the event that Pohlman refuses to make the race, they will support A. F. Schreiner.

BY CITY COUNCIL Vice President Boyce Says Complaints as to Efficiency Have Been Received.

GAS TESTS ORDERED

Thorough tests of the illuminating power of gas supplied by pe-vate corporations for public and domestic use zoon will be made by Supervisor of City Lighting O'Reilly, Complaints entered with City Councilmen as to the efficiency of the illuminant are responsible for Mr. O'Reilly's decision to

onduct an extensive investigation. Vice President Boyce offered a resolution in the City Council yesterday directing Chief of the Fire Department Swingley to o-operate with Mr. O'Rellly by allowing pace in engine-houses for making the ests. The resolution was adopted unanimously, the ayes being chorused with vim in response to President Hornsby's ques-tion on the adoption.

on on the adoption.
"Persons in various sections of the city
"Persons in Various "Cantain Boyce said

"Persons in various sections of the city are complaining," Captain Boyce salit, after the meeting, "that the gas is inefficient. Whether they believe the apparent lacificients whether they believe the apparent lacificiency is due to the lack of sufficient supply, they do not say, Complaints, however, are general enough to necessitate an investigation. The city must assertain what quality of gas the people are getting. Mr. O'Rellly has assured me that tests will be made with the co-operation of Chief Swingley."

"No complaints have been received in my department," said Mr. O'Rellly, "Nevertheless, tests should be made at intervals for protection of the public. In my last report I drew attention to the fact that no tests have been made since we intered the New City Hall. The investigations were discontinued because we had no facilities for conducting experiments.

"These tests should be made periodically in all parts of the city. It is not chough to make tests near the tanks. They should be made where the gas is supplied. The test consists in burning a definite number of cubic feet of gas per hour and comparing the light with candle light. The first object is to determine the illuminating power of the gas. Of course, if the gas should be unsatisfactory in any section we should proceed with the investigation and learn the cause."

"GERMANY AND THE GERMANS." Subject of Doctor Fink's Lecture possible effort be made to recover the killed

at High School. Doctor F. W. Fink, instructor in German in the St. Louis High School, lectured at the High School Auditorium, corner of Grand avenue and Windsor place, last Grand avenue and Windsor place, last night on "Germany and the Germans." The paper was a review of German history customs and progress, the important civil and commercial institutions of the country. There was combined a study of ancient landmarks and legendary lore, with a concise definition and history of present-day governments and accomplishments.

The lecture was illustrated throughout with stereopticon views, and dealt with the following subjects:

The Rhine; its scenery, castles and their legends.

The Rhine; its scenery, castles and their legends.
Towns and cities—Bingen, Frankfort Nuremburg, Berlin; ancient landmarks, municipal administration of the present day, cathedrais, the opera.
The Rothschilds and their banking business; origin and growth.
Student life in Germany.
The Emperor and his family.
This was the fourth of the series of semi-monthly lectures by instructors in the

monthly lectures by instructors in the High School planned for the current school

MRS. MAMIE KOCH'S ALIMONY. Husband Ordered to Pay Her More Than He Earns.

Judge Wood yesterday ordered Albert H. Koch to pay his wife, Mamie, 28 a week alimony, pending the trial of her divorce sult, and when Koch said that was all he earned the Judge told him to try and he earned the Judge told him to fry and have his salary increased.

Koch is employed in a drug store. He was also directed to pay his wife \$25 for her attorney. Koch became somewhat excited and the Judge told him if he was not careful he would send him to jail. Mrs. Koch charges her husband with ill treating her.

Judge Wood said that a man is under

STORY ABOUT HEIRESS DENIED.

No Estate Left to Ella Hivon by a St. Louisan.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Chicago, Ill., Feb. 14.—After holding a conference with a number of his friends. conterence with a number of his friends. Ferdinand Hivon, No. 123 West North avenue, has decided to maintain silence in regard to the fortune said to be waiting his adopted daughter. Etta. He said to-day, however, that not all that has been published regarding the matter was true, and the girl is not an helress of any wealthy St. Louis family. Louis family.

The story is that Etta Hivon is Miss Harriett Tracey, helress to a fortune of \$20,000, left by Mrs. William E. Sage of St. Louis, who cared for the girl after the death of her parents. It is said that her brothers are coming to Chicago to see her. They believe she is their long-lost sister and is entitled to the fortune.

BUYING UP ALL BROOM CORN.

Market Has Advanced Sharply as a Result of Competition. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Arcola, Ill., Feb. 14.—Movement in broom

corn has been brisk this week, owing to an effort of prominent broom manufacturers make full and complete reports on its investigations from time to time.

MISSOURI EDITORS' MEETING.

Were Hospitably Entertained at Boonville—Officers Elected.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Boonville, Mo., Feb. 14.—The Cooper County Editors' Social Club very elab-

SEVEN WERE KILLED IN RAILROAD WRECK.

Immense Rock Fell From Hillside as Freight Was Passing With a Work Crew.

VICTIMS ARE MOSTLY NEGROES.

Tierce Carloads of Sand Were Damped on Dead and Wounded-Injured Taken to Little Rock.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Little Rock, Ark. F-b. H. Seven me were killed and at least fifteen injured to an accident on the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gult Railroad, twenty miles west of Little Reck, this merning. The killed and injured were brought to Little Rock at noon. The former were turned over to an undertake: and the injured were placed in St. Vincent's infirmary and medical attention A work train was headed west, the engine

mishing six cars and a caboose. It was in charge of Conductor J. D. Gamble, Englneer Nazer and Pireman W. H. Evans. As they were passing along the track under the high bluffs bordering the fiver at the point, the erew saw a heavy rock rolling with awful velocity down the steep decily having been detached from the hiliside by the rains. The train was going slowly, but was almost upon the rock when it struck the truck. Engineer Nazor reversed his engine at once, but it was s close mon the obstacle that the train struck it almost full force. The cabbose was at the head of the train and was knocked into spinters. Most of the men who were killed and injured were in the

There was a crew of fifty-four men, white and negroes, and they were going to a point further up the road to clear a slight wreck. There were just back of the enboose three cars of sand, and many of the men were buried underneath the sand, being throw forward by the terrifle impact. The rock is said to weigh at least 17,000 pounds. Conductor Gamble had a narrow escap from death. Two trucks passed over him, but he stooped down and the first did not

The second passed over his foot, cruehing it so badly that it will have to be amputated.
The dead men are:
ORANGE FOSTER, colored, Little Rock. JOHN WILLIAMS, colored, Little Rock, HENRY McGEE, colored, Little Rock, SAMUEL HIRUM, white, of Booneville,

Ark.

B. I. JONES, white, of Boonevelle, Ark.
Two unknown white men.
The injured are:
Gill Penninger, white, foreman of gang,
leg broken and hurt internally, injuries
serious; Will Logan, white, Boonville, hurt
internally, injuries, serious; Ardrag Modeinternally, injuries, serious; Ardrag Modeinternally, injuries serious; Andrew McGee Little Rock, injured internally, will die Freeman Davis, white, Alabama, both legs broken; John Connor, white Rosednie, Kas, hurt on head; Ed McGinnis, foreman extra gang, general bruising up; Frank Powell, colored, Little Rock, hurt about face, hands and legs; Mose Garrett, colored, shoulded dislocated; Emmett Burnett, colored, Du mas, Ark, arm hurt; John Hollins, colored mas, Ark, arm nurt; John Hollins, colored, Little Rock, arm and leg hurt; Jim Carroll, colered, Little Rock, arm broken, head hurt; W. H. Bailew, white, Booneville, Ark., in-jured about face and legs; D. C. Hardin, colored, North Little Rock, head and hand hurt; Otto Raylor, white, Missouri, bodily

injuries.
Parties returning from the scene of the wreck to-night say that several of the mer are missing, and are unquestionably buried under the mass of wreckage at Little Manmelle, where the accident occurred.

Superintendent Harris and all the Choc taw officials are doing all in their power for the injured, and have ordered that every

that may be left in the wreck. JUNE DANCES MAY HAVE TO GO.

University Fraternities Considering Change in Old Custom.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Columbia, Mo., Feb. 14.-An action taken by four of the leading fraternities connected with the Missouri State University is of four of the leading fraterinties connected with the Missouri State University is a movement toward abolishing the June dances. Heretofore these have been a regular feature of the commencement week in Columbia and have been attended by old fraternity men and social leaders from every section of the State. Only recently, Doctor Jesse, before a conference of fraternity men, pointed out that these June affairs detracted from interest in the regular exercises of the University and also seriously interfered with the attendance upon same. In a Joint meeting the fraternity men of these four fraternities considered three propositions; to abolish the dances entirely, to all unite in giving one pan-Hellenic dance, or to abolish the festivities and in lieu thereof receive the Easter holidays, which are a feature of all of the Eastern universities and many of the Western. The latter plan was adopted and suggested to the committee of the faculty.

As yet no action has been taken upon the matter by the authorities of the university. It will be considered at the full board meeting of the curators of the university which will meet in Columbia March.

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6. The indications are that the requist of the students will be granted and that the June dances will be a thing of the past. It will be the passing away of one of the features of commencement week that has been most prominent for many years past.

CELEBRANT TOOK HER PURSE. Mardi Gras Crowd Invaded Miss

Lawrence's Home.

Joseph Knierlm, 15 years old, of No. 1113 Missourl avenue, is a prisoner at the Souhard Street Station on the charge of stealing a purse containing \$7.75 from Miss Adab Lawrence of No. 1212 Armstrong avenue, on

Tuerday night.
A crowd of Mardi Gras celebrants. A crowd of Mardi Gras celebrants, masked, invaded the house and engaged in a frolle. When they were gone Miss Lawrence discovered that her purse was gone and notified the police. Knierim was arrested Thursday night. At first he denied any knowledge of the theft, but when taken to the station he admitted it, saying the purse and \$5 were hidden in the basement of a hutcher shop at No. 2600 Hickory street, where he was employed as a delivery boy. The money was found as directed and Miss Lawrence yesteriay swore out a warrant Lawrence yesterday swore out a warrant against him charging petit larceny.

Bills Affecting Southwest. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Washington, Feb. 14.—The following bills

of interest to the Southwest were introduced o-day: By Senator Cullom of Illinois—To provide By Senator Cullom of Illinois—To provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a building at Ottawa, Ill.

By Senator Money of Mississippi—To quiet the titles to certain lands in Mississippi and to provide that \$155,200 be appropriated for the relief of the estate of Eli Ayers.

By Representative Stephens of Texas—Tex., to the amount of \$20 per month; also granting to T. M. Burke, a Dexican Warveteran, a pension in the same amount.

By Representative Dougherty of Missouri—Granting a pension to Garrett M. Brockman, late member of the military command organized by General Stirling Price during the Mexican War, to the amount of \$3 permonth.

NERVOUS PROSTRATION.

Miss W. Childs-Blackburn, Secretary of the Rock Island Literary and Art Society,

Writes a Special Letter to Mrs. Pinkham Telling How She Was Cured.

The relation of woman's nerves and generative organs is very close; consequently nine tenths of the nervous prostration, nervous despondency and nervous irritability of women arise from some derangement of the organism Herein we prove conclusively that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will quickly relieve all this trouble



MISS W. CHILDS-BLACKBURN. "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:-I take pleasure in acknowledging the effects of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. In my estimation there is no female remedy to equal it. Weakness not properly attended to, together with the close confinement at my desk brought on nervous prostration, so much so that for a year I doctored continually. I tried different remedies which only succeeded in poisoning my system, and my stomach refused food. A neighbor who had suffered with ovarian troubles and was perfectly cured, called my attention to your Vegetable Compound, and I made up my mind to give it a two months' fair trial. However, before one month had passed I was like a new woman, and after six weeks faithful use of the Compound I was in perfect health. It certainly is of great benefit to women, and I wish every poor suffering Woman could have a chance to try it. Yours very truly, Miss W. Childs-Blackburn, 2922 Fifth Ave., Rock Island, Ill."

Nothing will relieve this distressing condition so surely as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; it soothes, strengthens, heals and tones up the delicate female organism. It is a positive cure for all kinds of female complaints; that bearing down feeling, backache, displacement of the womb, inflammation of the ovaries and is invaluable during the change of life.

How Mrs. Pinkham helped Ars. Borst.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: - When I wrote to you some time ago for advice I really thought my days were numbered. I was so ill that I could not stand on my feet for fifteen minutes at a time. I had female troubles in many of their worst forms; inflammation and ulceration of the womb: leucorrhea; bearing down pains; headache and backache; nervous prostration. My kidneys were out of order and blood in a bad condition. Everyone, and even my doctor thought I was going into consumption. I followed your advice faithfully for six months with the result that I became a well woman, and it cost me much less than a doctor's bill. I feel that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

saved my life." - Mrs. Samuel Borst, 7 Cozy Ave., Oneonta, N. Y. The above letter shows how unerring is the advice which Mrs. Pinkham gives to women who write her about their sickness; as the advice is free and always helpful it is not strange that she advises more than one hundred thousand sick women every year. Her address is Lynn, Mass.

CEANN REWARD. — We have deposited with the National City Bank of Lynn, 20000, which will be paid to any person who can find that the above testimonial letters DJUUU are not genuine, or work Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Ma

FINE POINTS DRAWN IN PATRICK CASE.

Handwriting Expert Dwells Upon the Question of Shading in

the Letters.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. . New York, Feb. 14.-Albert T. Patrick spent the greater part of the afternoon to day writing on pieces of paper and then tearing them into minute scraps and throwing them on the floor by his side. He was apparently experimenting and following out the theories expounded on the witness stand by Albert G. Osborne, an expert in handwriting from Rochester, N. Y., who had been called against him in his trial for the murder of William M. Rice. Mr. Osborne was kept under cross-examination

by Robert M. Moore throughout the se-sion of the court.

Assistant District Attorney James W. Osborne presented to each member of the bury a powerful magnifying giass. These glasses enabled the jurors to follow the testimony more intelligently than they had done before. The close of the case for the prosecution is at last in sight. Re-corder Coff announced that hereafter he would limit the time of experts both in direct and in cross examination, and that he would also limit the number to be called by both sides. Mr. Osbarne hopes to be able to put in the last of the testimony for the people by Friday evening, so that the

defense may start on the following Mon-Osborne's attention to Mr. Rice's signa-ture to a will drawn in 1883. The expert admitted that certain of the down strokes lacked the shading which he had declared to be a characteristic of the old man's handwriting. He explained that there shad ings were a pen habit and while he did not find them in the down strakes political out by Mr. Moore, they appeared some-where in the signature. He inested that in a general signature there is always a freedom of movement that no forger cat imitate so as to deserve an expert. Patrick smiled and seemed pleased when

Mr. Osborne said that not only was there no shading of the down strekes in the "M" and "R" in this will, but there had also been an interrupted movement. "And that indicates forsery, does it not?"

"And that indicates forgery, does it not?" suggested Mr. Moore.

"It would if it occurred with frequency," replied Mr. Osborne, "but it is easy to see that the interruption here was due to a momentary distraction of the attention of the writer and was not the result of a studied following of a model."

Mr. Osborne assumes that whenever a man signs his name he has a model in his mind and is developing an idea of that model.

model.
"Then, may a man write his signature
in a variety of ways?" asked Mr. Moore.
"Yes, rir," was the reply. "Mr. Rice was
a very erratle writer, and changed the dsign of his writing from time to time.
The signatures of 1895, for instance, are not
typical of the way he wrote his name in
1900."

"Were all mere variations from that same the Mexican War, to the amount of 18 per month.

By Representative Gibson of Tennessee-Granting a pension to Ferdinand Heiskell, late of Company B, Second Kentucky Volunteers, to the amount of \$50 per month.

By Representative Brownlow of Tennessee-For the relief of Reuben R. Shea, late of the Twelfth Tennessee Volunteer Cavalry.

RELIEF CORPS EUCHRE—General Madison Miller Woman's Relief Corps will give a progressive cuchre party Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Louise Stembol, No. 3760 North Ninth street.

"Were all mere variations from that same model?"

"They were all in the same style of handwriting." Mr. Osborne admitted that there were great differences in the admitted signatures with Mr. Moore that an exact measurement of several would show precise similarity in the space. He thought that rapers signed under identical circumstances and with the same style of handwriting." Mr. Osborne admitted that there were great differences in the admitted signatures with Mr. Moore that an exact measurement of several would show precise similarity in the space. He thought that there were great differences in the admitted signatures with Mr. Moore that an exact measurement of several would show precise similarity in the space. He thought that there were great differences in the admitted signatures with Mr. Moore that an exact measurement of several would show precise similarity in the space. He thought that there were great differences in the admitted that there were great differences in the would not agree with Mr. Moore that an exact measurement of several would show precise similarity in the space. He thought the were great differences in the would not agree with Mr. Moore that an exact measurement of several would sh

MISSOURI FIRE INSURANCE.

Superintendent Savs Few Companies Are Leaving-Summary. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 14.-When asked about what effect the recent combinations

effected by fire-insurance companies in this State would have on rates, Superintendent T. H. Wayner of the Insurance Departrient, said:
"The fire-insurance companies are the only ones we have any definite information about at this time for the year, and, not-withstanding the reports to the effect that

merchants in the large cities cannot get

adequate protection, I have heard no com-plaints on this score."
"Is it true that fire companies are withdrawing from this State on account of the high license and strict laws in force here?" "There are a few companies leaving this State, but not enough to affect the rates. On account of the license imposed upon fire insurance companies in this State there have been more consolidations than withdrawals. Several companies, by combining, only, have to pay one license, and that is their main reason for combining. I do not think rates will be raised on account of combinations, as the anti-trust law furnishes ample protection in this direction. On the whole, the fire insurance business in Missouri is in a healthy condition."

Following is a summary of the fire insurance business in Missouri in 1901.

FOREIGN INSURANCE COMPANIES. Pet. On account of the license imposed upon fire

 St Louis
 Premiums
 Losses
 Pet

 St Louis
 \$82,983.8
 \$83,25.0
 160

 Kansus City
 215,645.9
 15,089.3
 71

 St Joseph
 61,024.4
 41,783.2
 71

 Other cuties
 25,448.24
 22,113.5
 74
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ALL FIRE COMPANIES.
Fremiums Losses, Pct.
\$1.251.549 \$2.102.58.46 \$1

Kansas City \$22.755.31 \$45.584.97 75

\$1.308.60 \$22.757.12 \$49.299.29 \$6

Other cities \$1.385.557.42 \$1.362.733.92 75

Totals 15, 135, 654, 97 34, 230, 026, 29 82 DRAIN-PATTENGALE.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Pana III., Feb. 14.—The marriage of Miss Lyda Pattengale and James Drain, prominent and popular parties here, was solemnized to-day at the bride's home. emnized to-day at the bride's home.

BRACKEN-RILEY.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Marshall, ill. Feb. 14.—Allen M. Bracken
and Mrs. Sarah E. Riley, both of St.
Mary's, Ind., were married here to-day.

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Académie de Médecine France · Has Placed

Apollinaris

At the Head of All the Waters Examined for Purity and Freedom

from Disease Germs."